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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 1632  
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09641.0009-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Austin SMITH et al.

Serial No.: 09/686,880

Filed: October 12, 2000

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PROGENITOR CELLS

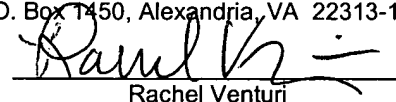
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This is a reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 13, 2004, the period for response having been extended to February 14, 2005 (February 13, 2005 being a Sunday) by a request for extension of 2 months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.

**A set of pending Claims** is included with this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the Claims section of this paper.